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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

## Office Action Summary

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BALTIMORE ET AL.

Examiner

Charles L. Patterson, Jr.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13, 18, 20, 21, 28, 40, 43, 65 and 90 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13, 18, 20, 21, 28, 40, 43, 65 and 90 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

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Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-13, drawn to a chimeric nuclease and a nucleic acid encoding a chimeric nuclease, classified in class 435, subclass 199 and class 536, subclass 23.2.
- II. Claim 18, drawn to a nucleic acid encoding a chimeric nuclease comprising a DNA binding domain comprising 3 zinc fingers that binds to a recognition sequence within at least 500 base pairs from an allele for a genetic disorder, classified in class 536, subclass 23.2.
- III. Claim 20, drawn to a vector comprising two nucleic acids encoding chimeric nucleases, classified in class 536, subclass 23.2.
- IV. Claims 21, 28, 40 and 43, drawn to a vector encoding a chimeric and a repair substrate and a mammalian cell comprising a chimeric nucleic acid and a repair substrate, classified in class 435, subclass 320.1 and 325.
- V. Claim 65, drawn to a method of treating a disease comprising introducing a chimeric nuclease and a repair substrate into a cell, classified in class 424, subclass 94.6.
- VI. Claim 90, drawn to a method of designing a nucleic acid encoding a chimeric nuclease, classified in class 4354, subclass 440.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because:

The chimeric enzymes of Groups I and IV are different because they have different components and therefore these two groups are patentably distinct.

The nucleic acid of Group II is patentably distinct from the nucleic acid of Group I because it contains limitations as to the location of the binding site whereas that of Group I does not.

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Group III does not contain any of the limitations of the other groups and therefore is patentably distinct.

Inventions I and V are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process such as for its enzymatic activity not related to treatment of a disease.

Group VI is separate and distinct from the other groups because it does not depend upon any of the other groups and it not readily apparent that this method was used to make the nucleic acids of Groups I and II.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification and recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles L. Patterson, Jr., PhD, whose telephone number is 571-272-0936. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:30 to 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ponnathapura Achutamurthy, can be reached on 571-272-

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0928. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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